Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary just before the election is an example of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law as well as morally responsible to serve the public interest.

But when large companies control the airwaves, we often get decisions based more on money rather than on what's good for our democracy.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

I feel very strongly about this, and I thank you for considering my views.

Sincerely, Diane Dimon, Dr.RS